

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Serial No. 09/995,262

Title: ADAPTIVE MODULE FOR HOUSINGS

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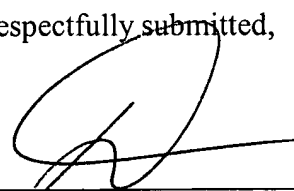
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Remarks

Applicant has received the Office Action mailed August 20, 2002. Unfortunately, the Office Action only addressed claims 1-16 as originally filed in the Application on November 26, 2001. Applicant filed a preliminary amendment on February 11, 2002 (copy enclosed with date stamped return post card) in which claims 6, 12, and 16 were amended and claims 17-28 were added. These claims were not addressed in the Office Action. Since the Preliminary Amendment was filed within the three months specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.115(b)(2)(i), Applicant respectfully requests that the August 20 Office Action be withdrawn and a new Office Action issued with a new period for response. Further, Applicant has added claims 29-38 with this response. Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims should also be considered by the Examiner in issuing this new Action. Since the Examiner is required to consider claims 17-28 from the prior preliminary amendment, considering these additional 9 claims should not unduly interfere with preparation of the first office action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a new office action addressing claims 1-38 with a new period for reply commencing on the date of mailing of the new action.

Please charge any further fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502432.

Respectfully submitted,

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